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Celebrating Diwali The Festival of Lights — The Rotary Way



28th October 2024

Rotary Club of Poona
INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE
DIWALI
THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

*A Musical Evening with Festivities,
Fun and Prizes
to be won
"Chalo Khele
Antakshari"
Leke ... Rotary ka Naam !*

Venue: Conf. Hall no 1
Fellowship : 6:30 to 7:00 pm
Meeting: 7:00 to 8:00 pm
Diwali dinner: 8:00 pm
Guest Charges : ₹ 600 pp
Madira sponsored by Members
Dress Code: Festive



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Ours is the only Club in the district with a truly secular character. We celebrate Parsee New Year, Diwali, Christmas, Eid and Baisakhi every year with equal enthusiasm, as we have a fair representation of every community in our Club membership

{Extracted from the book – ‘Rotary Club of Poona 1936 – 2001’ by PP Kailash Monga.}

Each festival is an opportunity to nurture fellowship and deepen bonds. In the true spirit of RC Poona lets all come together to celebrate this bright and joyous festival of lights.



Wishing everyone A Very Happy and Prosperous Diwali !



Unveiling of the Ultimate Move-A-Thon — A Fundraiser and Mass Scale Public Image Event

Two Rotarians and a cup of coffee. That is how it all began

The thoughts bounced off each other...between President Maj Gen Amar Krishna and PP Jaideep Parekh over a cup of coffee and germinated into an idea. The idea grew into a plan and before long the plan turned into an event which is promising to be the flagship fund raiser of RCP now and in time to come. This was the topic of discussion at the weekly meeting held on 21st of October. In his opening remarks President Amar Krishna drew attention to the fact that even though RCP ranks high up in age and prestige our fund raising has not kept pace with the rise in our status and that a number of younger clubs have overtaken us in this area. He emphasized the need for collective and in particular individual sponsorship.

PP Jaideep Parekh who is the chief architect of this plan took the floor next to explain with the help of slides the three pronged **Ultimate Move-A-Thon** comprising the Cyclothon, Marathon and Walkathon which has been designed to be not just a fund raiser but also a means of promoting a healthier lifestyle amongst all age groups and all fitness levels.

In the words of PP Jaideep Parekh, “We are very excited to introduce **The Ultimate - Move-A-Thon** for the very first time to Pune’s vibrant community with the purpose of bringing them together in the spirit of unity, health, and movement. With a focus on inclusivity and community, this event invites participants of all ages and fitness levels to join in a morning of fun and fitness, featuring a variety of activities including a Cyclothon, Marathon, and Walkathon.

Our goal is to promote a healthy lifestyle, foster community spirit, and above all support a meaningful cause. This event is not just a test of endurance; it's a celebration of movement, unity, and collective effort and at same time allows us to raise the funds for the benefit of the under privileged section of the society.”

.....By Rtn Mandakini Tata,
with inputs from PP Jaideep Parekh



At the District seminar, RC Poona was recognized for peace walk project. PP Gauri Shikarpur collected this on behalf of the club.

Interact Club of St . Arnold Central School

On 21st October our club installed a new team of our interact club of St . Arnold Central School . The host of this ceremony was Co Chair of District Interact and Interact chairman of RC Poona Rtn Daljeet Raizada .

The ceremony started with National Anthem and the Principal of St Arnold welcomed everyone and praised Rotary club of Poona for their service to the society .

Past President Deepak Thacker was introduced by Sergeant At Arms Master Rajbeer Oberoi and Rtn Deepak spoke basically on formation of Interact and how it works. Guest of honour IPP Narendrapal Singh Bakshi was introduced by Interact Club Secretary Riya very well and arts Bakshi spoke about the projects Interact can do in his unique style.

Then we had our installation ceremony . The new team of Interact club of St Arnold Central school are :

1. President - Miss Vaniya Bhatt- Class- IX
2. Vice President - Aryan Bhoske Class IX
3. Secretary - Riya Arbole Class- IX
4. Sergeant In Arm- Rajbeer Oberoi Class -IX
5. Treasurer - Adriel Mendonca- IX
6. Director -1 Govind Rajesh- Class 8
7. Director -2 Aarohi Racca- Class 8
8. Director -3 Saisha Bagrecha- Class 8
9. Director -4 Disha Parikh - Class 8



The team was pinned up by the dignitaries .Then Rtn Daljeet Raizada gave them the Oath .President Rtn Amar Krishna was introduced by newly elected President Vaanya Bhat and our president spoke on our mental and inner self , asked many question to the students and gave them some gifts who gave correct answers.

On the request of Rtn Daljeet , Hon. club secretary Aarti Thacker spoke about the role of Directors in the team.

Vote of thanks was given by newly elected Vice President Aryan Bhosle .Rtn Madhuri Rao was present too


Meeting concluded by the Interact Chairman Rtn Daljeet Raizada .

.....By Rtn Daljeet Raizada



Glimpses of Club Meeting— 21 Oct 2024 & Miscellaneous



Rotary  

PAUL HARRIS TABLE TENNIS CARNIVAL

SEASON 1

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 Fellowship of Table Tennis
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Tamil Nadu

6, 7, 8, 9
DECEMBER
2024

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50 DISTRICTS
1 TROPHY

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My Rotary Moment

I was in Delhi in November 2014 to attend “South Asia Literacy Summit” planning meeting and I got a call from an unknown number. I called back and was told it was UK Consulate. I was wondering why would on earth will I get call from UK Consulate. I have UK visa and have no immediate plans for visiting UK. Upon enquiring I was told that Prince Charles will be soon visiting Pune and his delegation and he himself would like to spend some time with me.

I checked my watch . It wasn't April 1. Initially I thought it was some April Fool joke. I started asking more questions and what I learnt was a pleasant shock. His Royal Highness was visiting Serum Institute in Pune for an hour. Founder of Serum Institute Padmashri Cyrus Poonawalla (an Arch Klump Society member and Large donor to Rotary Foundation) had displayed various aspects and one of the topics was Polio. UK consulate felt that Head of Rotary in Pune was the best person to explain all this to the Delegation in person.



We were given five days to put up a stall on Rotary and our End Polio campaign. Three of us were permitted to be the part of VVIP visit showcase.

The D Day arrived. I reached well in time at Serum Institute. After completing all security formalities we were briefed on Do's and Don'ts about interaction with His Royal Highness. We were moved in the showcase area. Besides Rotary , Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Unicef representatives were also there with their Display. Exactly at 3.30 p.m. entered charming prince and he started visiting all stalls. He came to our stall and greeted us with warmth. We shook hands. I told him “His Royal Highness, I am meeting you for the third time. First two were photographs in Madam Tussah Wax museums in London and Hong Kong.” He smiled. We requested him to wear End Polio Now Scarf and took photographs with him. He was more than happy. He was briefed about Rotary's efforts to End Polio.

It was like a Dream come true for me. All this because I was a Rotarian and was at the Right time at the Right Place with the Right Person. It is truly an Unforgettable Rotary Moment for me.

.....PDG Dr Deepak Shikarpur

Birthday / Anniversary	Dates
Rtn Ashok Gokhale	28-Oct
R/ Ann Rumki Gaurav	28-Oct
Rtn Air Cmde Sanjay Tiloo	30-Oct
Rtn Rohit Mitra	01-Nov
Rtn Ramgopal Rao	01-Nov

Programmes Ahead

04 Nov :
Rotary KBC with Nitin Dhamale

11 Nov :
Car journey from Pune to Germany by Charu Shrotri

18 Nov :
Nominating Committee Elections

Attendance Report 14 Oct 2024	Count
Rotarians	52
Anns	25
Spouses	01
Visiting Rotarians	—
Guests	01
TOTAL	79